1860's, the second great period of construction in the 1870's and 1880's, the lull in the 1890's, the third great period of construction between 1900 and 1917 and the subsequent falling-off in the rate of increase.

1.—Record of Steam Railway Mileage as at June 30, 1835-1919, and Dec. 31, 1919-31.

Year.	Miles in Opera- tion.	Year.	Miles in Opera- tion.	Year,	Miles in Opera- tion.	Year.	Miles in Opera- tion.	Yèar.	Miles in Opera- tion.	Year.	Miles in Opera- tion.
	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.
1835 1836-46 1847-49 1850	16 54	1861 1862 1863 1864	2,189 2,189	1875 1876 1877 1878	5,782	1889 1890 1891 1892	12,628 13,151 13,838 14,564	1903 1904 1905	19,431	1917 1918 1919	38,369 38,252 38,330 38,496
1851 1852 1853 1854	205 506 764	1865 1866 1867 1868 1869	2,278 2,278	1879 1880 1881 1882 1883	7,194 7,331 8,697	1893 1894 1895 1896 1897	15,627 15,977 16,270	1907 1908 1909 1910 1911		1920 1921 1922 1923 1924	38,806 39,192 39,360 39,665 40,061
1856 1857 1858 1859 1860	1,414 1,444 1,863 1,994 2,065	1870 1871 1872 1873	2,695 2,899 3,832	1884 1885 1886 1887 1888	10,773 11,793	1898 1899 1900 1901 1902	17,250 17,657 18,140	1912 1913 1914 1915 1916	30,795	1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930	40,352 40,352 40,572 41,024 41,409 42,075 42,308

The operated mileage in the different provinces is given for recent years in Table 2. Construction was most active in Saskatchewan and Alberta during the period covered, as will be seen from the increased mileage recorded in these provinces.

2.- Operated Steam Bailway Mileage, by Provinces, Dec. 31, 1923-31.

Province and Type of Track.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	miles.	miles.	miles,	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.
Single Track Prince Edward Island. Prince Edward Island. Nova Sectia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia. Yukoo In United States. Totaks, Single Track.	277 1,447 1,947 4,919 10,957 4,521 6,518 4,784 3,966 58 273 39,665	276 1,427 1,942 4,882 10,947 4,520 6,942 4,818 3,976 58 273	276 1.427 1.935 4.797 10.908 4.540 7.056 4.965 4.117 58 273	276 1,426 1,935 4,767 10,870 4,296 7,268 5,048 4,072 58 336 40,352	276 1,424 1,935 4,859 10,834 4,293 7,358 5,139 4,060 58 336	276 1,421 1,935 4,910 10,866 4,293 7,551 5,307 4,071 58 336	276 1,420 1,934 4,891 10,872 4,294 7,761 5,543 4,024 58 336	286 1,418 1,934 4,891 10,938 4,420 8,166 5,607 4,021 58 336	286 1,418 1,934 4,926 10,965 4,419 8,268 5,656 4,097 58 341
Second track	2,591 9,680 51,936	2,619 10,012 52,692	2,614 1,555 9,579 54,100	2,620 1,591 9,716 54,279	2,647 1,611 9,887	2,639 1,662 10,130 55,455	2,659 1,607 10,193 55,868	2,690 1,623 10,254	2,690 1,606 10,304 56,968